



Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild

September 25, 1944 - January 6, 2014

Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild of Okotoks passed away peacefully at the Foothills Country Hospice on January 6, 2014 at the age of 69 years. Janneke is survived by her husband Bert; children Joanne (Frank Tosto) Ruitenschild, Roland (Stacy Keith) Ruitenschild, Marjan (Steve Morris) Ruitenschild; grandchildren Ava Morris, Carver Morris, Adam Ruitenschild, Sydney Ruitenschild; siblings Hans (Carol) Lievaart, Paul (Beth) Lievaart and Trina (Ron) Wickstrom; and multiple nieces and nephews. Janneke was predeceased by her parents Job and Anna Lievaart.

Janneke was born in Den Haag, Netherlands and immigrated to Canada with her family in 1948. First attending a one-room school by her childhood homestead near Blackie, Alberta, then High River, she ultimately completed her degree in Education from the University of Calgary. She married in 1966, and cherished her life as a loving and devoted wife, mother and Oma, on the farm. She was extremely proud of all her children and their accomplishments, always putting the family ahead of herself. Janneke touched the lives of many people who shared her passion in gardening, quilting, needlepoint and other artistic endeavours. Her garden was her sanctuary and its beauty gave her great peace. Janneke's kind, gracious heart combined with her infectious smile and humour will be dearly missed. The family, and in Janneke's own words, extend sincere appreciation for all the care and kindness shown to her during her final years.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the High River United Church. If desired memorial donations may be made to the Foothills Country Hospice (Box 274, Okotoks, Alberta, T1S 1A5). To send condolences and view Janneke's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I will remember Janneke with fond memories of painting, calligraphy and being together at church and school. May your memories keep her alive with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are away from High River so were unable to attend the service.
Sylvia and Wayne Moore

Sylvia Moore - February 01, 2014 at 01:13 PM

SM

“ My prayers are with the family and may good memories come to the fore and help your grief. My memories of Janneke go back a long way, to the time when her folks first came to Canada. Joe and Annie worked for Alec Paul whose land was just across the field from my parents' home (Mike and Bertha Raycraft). Janneke was a shy little girl who didn't want much to do with me at first for we had a bit of a language barrier but soon got around that and I would ride my bike over to see her and Hans. Annie let me wear her wooden shoes and my awkwardness while doing that caused great merriment. We didn't see each other very often in later years but had a good visit when we did. Continue hwe good work and keep up her memories.

Sheila Macklin - January 17, 2014 at 09:37 AM

AS

“ Our sincerest condolences to Bert, Joanne, Roland and Marjan. We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife and mom. So sorry too that we are unable to express our condolences in person. Our thoughts are prayers are with you. May she rest in peace.

Andrea, Steve and girls

Andrea Serjak - January 13, 2014 at 01:29 PM

K(

“ Bert, Joanne, Rowland and Marjan, I am so sorry to hear that Janneke passed away. I will always remember what a joy it was to spend entire weekends at your house when I was a child and how loving and wonderful Mrs. Ruitenschild was to me. She was a wonderful cook and I definitely felt very welcome and happy in your home. I am sincerely sorry for your loss.

Take care,
Karen Stevenson (Lawrence)

Karen Stevenson (Lawrence) - January 13, 2014 at 11:23 AM

RR

“ Dear Bert and family,
I was shocked to read on the internet about Janneke... We never met but I can tell by her photo that she must have been a kind and caring person. By reading about her on the online version of Calgary Herald i got tears in my eyes. My wife Cici and I, Rudy Ruitenschild, wish you much strength in this difficult time.

Ruud Ruitenschild from Holland



Ruud Ruitenschild - January 13, 2014 at 08:21 AM

LS

“ Bert, Roland, Joanne, Marjan and families,
We were very saddened by the news of your loss. Our family has lovely memories of the Skimeisters days up in the mountains. Our thoughts and condolences are with you all at this very difficult time.
The Sandercocks- Jack, Doreen, Cheryl, Sue, Jane and Linda

Linda Sandercock - January 12, 2014 at 11:10 PM



“ *Joanne, Jen and I want to send our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mum. Our thoughts are with you. xo*
Sean Dunnigan

Sean Dunnigan - January 11, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ *Rowland, Bert, Joanne, Marjan*

Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Janneke left us all with such great memories. Whether it was with the 1'st High River Scouts, as a substitute for Foothills School Division or in the various community events that she was involved with. She was a very special lady that we will not forget. Stay strong family.

Scott Forbes and family

Scott Forbes - January 10, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ *Cheryl And Sten Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild*



Cheryl and Sten Lundberg - January 10, 2014 at 09:20 AM



Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family!

Cheryl and Sten Lundberg - January 10, 2014 at 09:21 AM

BK

“ *Joanne and family*

I was so sorry to hear that your mother has passed away. I send my friendship and support at this difficult time and always, and I wish your family strength.

Barbara Kimmitt

barbara kimmitt - January 10, 2014 at 08:23 AM

TM

“ *Bert, Joanne, Rowland, Marjan*

We were so sorry to read of Janneke's passing. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. We have fond memories of happy times, so many years ago, on the slopes of Fortress Mountain. Sincere sympathy from our family to yours.

*The McGuire's
Marg, Dennis, Steve, Lisa, Nancy*

The McGuires - January 09, 2014 at 10:29 PM

GB

“ Bert, Joanne, Rowland, and Marjan!

Gabe and I were shocked to see the passing of this gracious, beautiful lady. Condolences go out from us and our children, especially Jodee, and Rick to Marjan and Roland. Rick spent many fun days on the farm, and totally enjoyed them; and the graciousness of Janneke. And Jodee spoke highly of Marjan's mom.

Gabe and I will keep you in our prayers as the family grieves. But the sadness will leave when the memories are spoken and lived on.

*Gabe & Fran Baksza,
Trochu, Alberta*

Gabe Baksza - January 09, 2014 at 09:33 PM

TE

“ Tony & Sandra Ewanishin

Tony & Sandra Ewanishin - January 09, 2014 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ Thursday, January 09, 2014

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Please accept the heartfelt condolences

This past week we reminisced about the memories we shared as friends with Janneke and your family.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to Janneke for giving us the opportunity to share time with her and you Bert and your children.

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*With Janneke's passing we share in your grieving her beautiful life. In God we entrust her well being.
your friends Frank and Joanne Van Donzel*

Joanne Van Donzel - January 09, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AT

“ *To Bert, Joanne, Roland and Marjan, your family "out east" sends you our deepest sympathies on Janneke's passing. We will keep all of you and especially Janneke in our thoughts in the days and weeks ahead. Her suffering is over but her memory will live on in all of us.*

Love,

Anna Tosto and the family in Ontario

anna tosto - January 09, 2014 at 01:22 PM

RM

“ *Janneke, I will always remember the wonderful times we had at family gatherings, and in particular the moments we shared with new grandchildren. We will miss you very much.*

Ruth Morris - January 09, 2014 at 11:16 AM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ruth Morris - January 09, 2014 at 11:08 AM

RM

This is a picture of Janneke with her first grandchild - Ava, who was then followed by Carver, Adam and Sydney.

Ruth Morris - January 09, 2014 at 11:13 AM

BM

“ *Joanne: Extending my deepest sympathy to you and your family at this sad time.*

Hugs from, Bonny McKendrick

Bonny McKendrick - January 09, 2014 at 11:02 AM

UA

“ *Oh Bert - the miles we went chasing the swath, with Janneke and the grain truck in the same field. Warm sunshine, plentiful harvests for so many years! Warm friendship, big laugh, and quiet companionship. And the call when the 2 dogs came to visit - down the hill always got them a ride in the truck!*

We remember them all.

*Udo and Wendy Adam
Neighbors and friends*

Udo And Wendy Adam - January 09, 2014 at 09:35 AM

JD

“ *Joanne Van Donzel purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild.*



Joanne Van Donzel - January 09, 2014 at 08:12 AM

SM

“ *My Dear friend Janneke,
Where to start....you were at kindred soul indeed. We met and became fast friends in our mutual love of flowers, gardening, reading, quilting, and colour.
I so appreciated our friendship, and getting you know you better with every visit we shared. You fought with such dignity and grace, even until the end.
The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord shine His face upon you, until we meet again ,my friend.
Rest now in His everlasting arms.*

Shannon McClinchey - January 08, 2014 at 09:17 PM

SM

“ *8 files added to the album New Album Name*



Shannon McClinchey - January 08, 2014 at 09:07 PM

EM

“ *Elaine Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild*



Elaine Mason - January 08, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JA

“ *John Stout, Melissa Cavelti, Alexandra and Abigail purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild.*



John Stout, Melissa Cavelti, Alexandra and Abigail - January 08, 2014 at 06:56 PM

RW

“ *Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild*



Russ & Sharon Watkins - January 08, 2014 at 12:02 PM

DP

“ To all of the Ruitenschild family. I fondly remember teaching Sunday School with Janneke many years ago. We shared a grade four class, and mostly taught alternate Sundays. Janneke was always so easy to work with, and usually had a smile and a positive view of things. Later on, I encountered her when we were both substitute teaching throughout the Foothills School Division. I always enjoyed our chats about our families and what we were doing. Hold tight to your fond memories. They will help you through.
Diane Porter

Diane Porter - January 08, 2014 at 10:38 AM

SN

“ Sue And John Nibourg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild



Sue and John Nibourg - January 08, 2014 at 10:21 AM

GC

“ Gerry and Glenda Cutforth



glenda cutfort - January 08, 2014 at 12:05 AM



“ *Karen Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild*



Karen Crawford - January 07, 2014 at 08:58 PM



“ *Hans & Carol Lievaart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janneke Ruitenschild*



Hans & Carol Lievaart - January 07, 2014 at 08:52 PM